

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4222
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Air India Flight Incident
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a London bound Air India flight had to return to Mumbai airport after a cabin crew spotted a rat on board mid air;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation has ordered any probe into it; and
- (d) if so, the details and findings thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Madam. On 30th December, 2015, B787 aircraft VT-ANQ was scheduled to operate flight AI-131 on sector Mumbai - London. During the flight crew reported rat in flight deck. Crew initiated Air Turn Back to Mumbai and aircraft landed safely.

(c) : No, Madam.

(d) : Does not arise in view of (c) above.